

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-29 (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) A fibrous material including fibers comprising a cellulosic or lignocellulosic material, wherein said cellulosic or lignocellulosic material [[is]]has been sheared to the extent that it has a bulk density less than about 0.5 g/cm³, and wherein at least about 50% of the fibers have a length/diameter ratio of at least about 5.

31. (Currently Amended) The fibrous material of claim 30, wherein said fibrous material is incorporated into a structure or carrier.

32. (Currently Amended) The fibrous material of claim 31, wherein the structure is selected from the group consisting of panels, pipes, decking materials, boards, housings, sheets, poles, straps, fencing, members, doors, shutters, awnings, shades, signs, frames, window casings, backboards, wallboards, flooring, tiles, railroad ties, forms, trays, tool handles, stalls, bedding, dispensers, staves, films, wraps, totes, barrels, boxes, packing materials, baskets, straps, slips, racks, casings, binders, dividers, walls, indoor and outdoor carpets, rugs, wovens, and mats, frames, bookcases, sculptures, chairs, tables, desks, art, toys, games, wharves, piers, boats, masts, pollution control products, septic tanks, automotive panels, substrates, computer housings, above- and below-ground electrical casings, furniture, picnic tables, tents, playgrounds, benches, shelters, sporting goods, beds, bedpans, thread, filament, cloth, plaques, trays, hangers, servers, pools, insulation, caskets, bookcovers, clothes, canes, crutches, and other construction, agricultural, material handling, transportation, automotive, industrial, environmental, naval,

electrical, electronic, recreational, medical, textile, and consumer products~~products or carrier~~ also comprises a fibrous material having a bulk density less than about 0.5 g/cm³.

33. (Currently Amended) The fibrous material of claim 30, wherein said ~~texturized~~ fibrous material has a bulk density less than about 0.2 g/cm³~~grams per cubic centimeter~~.

34. (Currently Amended) The fibrous material of claim 30, wherein said ~~texturized~~ fibrous material has a bulk density ~~on the order of~~ about 0.1 g/cm³~~grams per cubic centimeter~~.

35. (Original) The fibrous material of claim 30, wherein said cellulosic or lignocellulosic material comprises paper or paper products.

36-53 (Cancelled)

54. (New) The fibrous material of claim 30, wherein at least about 50% of the fibers have a length/diameter ratio of at least about 25.

55. (New) The fibrous material of claim 30, wherein at least about 50% of the fibers have a length/diameter ratio of at least about 50.

56. (New) The fibrous material of claim 30, wherein the cellulosic or lignocellulosic material is selected from the group consisting of flax, hemp, cotton, jute, rags, paper, paper products, and byproducts of paper manufacturing.